

Remarks

Reconsideration and further examination is respectfully requested in light of the foregoing amendment, and in consideration of these remarks.

The Examining Attorney indicated Claim 4 is allowable (See, Office Action, Para. 6). Claim 4 is not amended hereby, and therefore is considered to remain allowable.

The Examining Attorney rejected claims 1-3 and 5, under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) in light of DeRosa, Cretors, and Abouzakhm, variously. This amendment deletes all rejected claims (without prejudice to file a divisional application directed thereto). Pursuant to this deletion, only the allowable Claim 4 will remain in the application.

Applicant formally requests deletion of claims 1- 3, and 5, which deletion is made without prejudice to Applicant's right to claim those or further claims in a Divisional application. Applicant reserves all rights to file such a Divisional Application. Applicant believes that the deletion of claims 1-3 and 5 appropriately and completely responds to all rejections and outstanding matters in the Office Action.

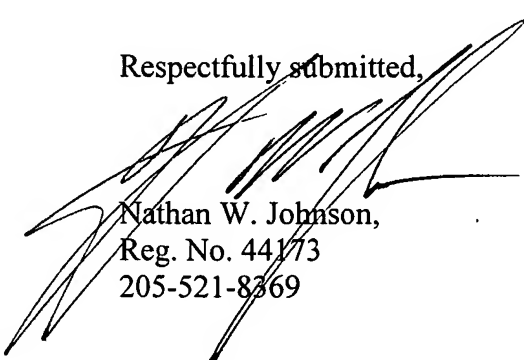
Fees

An extension of three months is hereby requested. A check in the amount of \$510 is enclosed herewith. This response therefore is timely. An authorization to charge deposit account 50-0954 is also enclosed to cover any deficiency.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that in light of the foregoing, all rejections to the application should be withdrawn. Applicant has diligently sought to comply with all requirements and to respond to any arguments. The Application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and early approval is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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